

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing Of Claims:

1-7. (Canceled)

8. (New) A method for signaling information relevant for an operation of a motor vehicle, comprising:

 forming the information by an operating point of a drive unit of the motor vehicle;

 forming a haptic signal at a control element of the motor vehicle as a function of the operating point, wherein an optimum operating point of the drive unit is indicated by the haptic signal; and

 determining the optimum operating point as a function of an output variable to be output by the drive unit and as a function of an instantaneous operating variable of the drive unit.

9. (New) The method as recited in Claim 8, wherein the control element includes an accelerator pedal.

10. (New) The method as recited in Claim 8, wherein the optimum operating point includes an optimum engine efficiency.

11. (New) The method as recited in Claim 8, wherein the output variable includes a setpoint torque.

12. (New) The method as recited in Claim 8, wherein the instantaneous operating variable includes an engine speed.

13. (New) The method as recited in Claim 8, further comprising:

 determining the output variable as a function of a position of the control element.

14. (New) The method as recited in Claim 8, wherein a haptic signaling starts approximately when the optimum operating point is reached.

15. (New) The method as recited in Claim 8, further comprising:

 forming the haptic signal by a restoring force acting on the control element.

16. (New) A device for signaling information relevant for an operation of a motor vehicle, comprising:

an arrangement for forming the information by an operating point of a drive unit of the motor vehicle;

an arrangement for forming a haptic signal at a control element of the motor vehicle as a function of the operating point, wherein an optimum operating point of the drive unit is indicated by the haptic signal; and

an arrangement for determining the optimum operating point as a function of an output variable to be output by the drive unit and as a function of an instantaneous operating variable of the drive unit.